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# COLUMBIA RIVER ACTION NOTICE

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

February 11, 2020

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## THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET:

### *2020 Blind Slough and Knappa Slough Select Areas*

**Winter Season:** The winter Blind Slough and Knappa Slough seasons include 28 fishing periods from February 17 through April 14 as described below:

Blind Slough and Knappa Slough open:

7 PM to 7 AM Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights February 17 - March 24 (16 nights)

Blind Slough open:

7 PM to 7 AM Monday and Thursday nights March 26 - April 14 (6 nights)

Knappa Slough open:

9:30 PM Thursday March 26 - 1:30 AM Friday March 27 (4 hours)

12 AM (midnight) - 4 AM Tuesday March 31 (4 hours)

3:30 AM to 7:30 AM Friday April 3 (4 hours)

7 PM to 11 PM Monday April 6 (4 hours)

10 PM Thursday April 9 - 2 AM Friday April 10 (4 hours)

12:30 AM to 4:30 AM Tuesday April 14 (4 hours)

**Spring Season:** The spring Blind Slough and Knappa Slough seasons include 24 fishing periods from April 16 through June 12 as described below:

Blind Slough open:

7 PM Thursday April 16 - 7 AM Friday April 17 (12 hours)

Knappa Slough open:

4:30 AM to 8:30 AM Friday April 17 (4 hours)

Blind Slough and Knappa Slough open:

7 PM to 7 AM Monday and Thursday nights April 20 - 24 (2 nights)

7 PM to 7 AM Tuesday and Thursday nights April 28 - May 1 (2 nights)

7 PM to 7 AM Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights May 4 - June 12 (18 nights)

**Summer Season:** The summer Blind Slough and Knappa Slough seasons include 6 fishing periods from June 16 through July 3 as described below:

Blind Slough and Knappa Slough open:

7 PM to 7 AM Tuesday and Thursday nights June 16 - 19 (2 nights)

7 PM to 7 AM Monday and Thursday nights June 22 - July 3 (4 nights)

**Area:** The Blind Slough Select Area is defined as waters of Blind Slough and Gnat Creek from a north-south line represented by regulatory markers at the mouth of Blind Slough upstream to a regulatory marker in Gnat Creek located approximately 0.5 miles southeasterly (upstream) of the Barendse Road Bridge.

The Knappa Slough Select Area is defined as waters of Knappa Slough, Calendar

Slough, and Big Creek Slough bounded to the north (upstream) by a line projecting from a regulatory marker on the eastern shore of Karlson Island to the northernmost regulatory marker at the mouth of Blind Slough and bounded to the west (downstream) by a line projecting southerly from a regulatory marker on the southwestern tip of Karlson Island through regulatory markers on the western tips of Minaker Island to a marker on the Oregon shore.

The waters of Knappa Slough within a 100-foot radius of the railroad bridge crossing Big Creek are closed. Prior to May 2, the downstream (western) boundary in Knappa Slough is a north-south line projecting through the easternmost tip of Minaker Island and regulatory markers on Karlson Island and the Oregon shore.

**Gear:**

Gear restrictions as follows:

- Winter season: 7-inch minimum mesh size restriction.
- Spring and Summer seasons: 9¾-inch maximum mesh size restriction.
- The maximum net length is 600 feet (100 fathoms).
- There is no lead line weight limit and attachment of additional weight or anchors directly to the lead line is permitted.
- Nets not specifically authorized for use may be onboard a vessel if properly stored. A properly stored net is defined as a net on a drum that is fully covered by a tarp (canvas or plastic) and bound with a minimum of ten revolutions of rope with a diameter of 3/8 (0.375) inches or greater.

**Allowable Sales:**

Salmon (except Chum), white sturgeon, and shad. A maximum of three white sturgeon with a fork length of 44-50 inches may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes all Select Area fisheries.

**Misc. Regulation s:**

Permanent regulations related to transportation and lighted buoys remain in effect. 24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315. Oregon buyers are required to submit fish receiving tickets electronically pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210. Electronic fish tickets must be submitted within 24 hours of closure of the fishing period, or within 24 hours of landing for fishing periods lasting more than 24 hours. Blind Slough and Knappa Slough have unique catch reporting codes to facilitate separation of landings and sampling for winter/spring fisheries.

**2020 Tongue Point/South Channel Select Areas**

**Winter Season:** The winter Tongue Point and South Channel seasons include 23 fishing periods from February 17 through April 14 as described below:

Tongue Point and South Channel open:

7 PM to 7 AM Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights February 17 - 28 (6 nights)

7 PM to 7 AM Monday and Thursday nights March 2 - 6 (2 nights)

Tongue Point open:

7:30 PM to 11:30 PM Monday March 9 (4 hours)

8:30 PM Thursday March 12 - 12:30 AM Friday March 13 (4 hours)

1 AM to 5 AM Tuesday March 17 (4 hours)

South Channel open:

7 PM to 7 AM Monday and Thursday nights March 9-13 (2 nights)

7 PM to 7 AM Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights March 16-20 (3 nights)

7 PM to 7 AM Monday and Thursday nights March 23-27 (2 nights)

12 AM (midnight) Tuesday March 31 - 4 AM Tuesday March 31 (4 hours)

3:30 AM to 7:30 AM Friday April 3 (4 hours)

7 PM to 11 PM Monday April 6 (4 hours)

10 PM Thursday April 9 - 2 AM Friday April 10 (4 hours)

12:30 AM to 4:30 AM Tuesday April 14 (4 hours)

**Spring Season:** The spring Tongue Point and South Channel seasons include 23 fishing periods from April 17 through June 12 as described below:

South Channel open:

4:30 AM to 8:30 AM Friday April 17 (4 hours)

Tongue Point and South Channel open:

6 PM to 10 PM Monday April 20 (4 hours)

7:30 PM to 11:30 PM Thursday April 23 (4 hours)

7 PM to 7 AM Tuesday and Thursday nights April 28 - May 1 (2 nights)

7 PM to 7 AM Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights May 4 - June 12 (18 nights)

**Summer**

**Season:** The summer Tongue Point and South Channel seasons include 6 fishing periods from June 16 through July 3 as described below:

Tongue Point and South Channel open:

7 PM to 7 AM Tuesday and Thursday nights June 16 - 19 (2 nights)

7 PM to 7 AM Monday and Thursday nights June 22 - July 3 (4 nights)

**Area:** The Tongue Point Winter-Spring Subarea is defined as waters of the Columbia River bounded by a line from the end of the southern-most pier (#1) at the Tongue Point Job Corps facility projecting in a straight line through flashing red USCG

light “6” to the shore of Mott Island, a line from a regulatory marker at the southeast end of Mott Island northeasterly to a regulatory marker on the northwest shore of Lois Island, and a line from a regulatory marker located on the Oregon shore approximately 300 yards northwest of the railroad bridge crossing the John Day River projecting easterly to a regulatory marker on the southwest shore of Lois Island. If the marker on the Oregon shore is not in place, the upper boundary is defined by a line projecting easterly from a point (46°10'57.7"N latitude 123°44'35.3"W longitude) on the Oregon shore approximately 300 yards northwest of the railroad bridge crossing the John Day River to a regulatory marker on the southwest shore of Lois Island.

For summer fisheries, the open waters include the entire Tongue Point Select Area as described in OAR 635-042-0170(1)(a) and WAC 20-301-010 (11)(c). If the marker on the eastern shore of Tongue Point is not in place, the downstream boundary is defined by a line projecting from a point (46°12'31.1"N latitude 123°45'34.0"W longitude) on the eastern shore of Tongue Point to the flashing green USCG light “3” on the rock jetty at the northwest tip of Mott Island.

The South Channel Select Area is defined as waters of the Columbia River bounded by a line from a regulatory marker on the Oregon shore at John Day Point projecting northeasterly to a regulatory marker on the southwest shore of Lois Island, and a line from a regulatory marker on Settler Point projecting northwesterly to the flashing red USCG light “10” then projecting westerly to the eastern tip of Burnside Island.

**Gear:**

Gear restrictions as follows:

Winter season: 7-inch minimum mesh size restriction

Spring and Summer seasons: 9¾-inch maximum mesh size restriction

The maximum net length is 1,500 feet (250 fathoms).

In the Tongue Point winter-spring subarea and the Tongue Point Select Area, the lead line weight may not exceed two pounds per any one fathom;

In the South Channel Select Area, there is no lead line weight limit and attachment of additional weight and anchors directly to the lead line is permitted.

Nets not specifically authorized for use may be onboard a vessel if properly stored, however, unstored gillnets legal for use in South Channel may be onboard. A properly stored net is defined as a net on a drum that is fully covered by a tarp (canvas or plastic) and bound with a minimum of ten revolutions of rope with a diameter of 3/8 (0.375) inches or greater.

**Allowable Sales:**

Salmon (except Chum), white sturgeon, and shad. A maximum of three white sturgeon with a fork length of 44-50 inches may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes all Select Area fisheries.

<b>Misc.</b>	Permanent regulations related to transportation and lighted buoys remain in effect.
<b>Regulations:</b>	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to 220-352-315. Oregon buyers are required to submit fish receiving tickets electronically pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210. Electronic fish tickets must be submitted within 24 hours of closure of the fishing period, or within 24 hours of landing for fishing periods lasting more than 24 hours.

**Oregon State Action**

<i>Recommendation: 2020 Youngs Bay Select Area</i>	
<b>Winter Season:</b>	<p>The winter Youngs Bay season includes 19 fishing periods from February 17 through April 2 as described below:</p> <p><u>Youngs Bay open:</u>  Monday, Wednesday and Thursday February 17-28 (6 days)  6 AM to 6 AM (24 hours) Monday and Thursday nights  6 AM to 6 PM (12 hours) on Wednesdays  6 AM to 6 PM Monday, Wednesday and Thursday March 2-5 (3 days)  6 AM to 10 AM Monday March 9 (4 hours)  7:30 AM to 11:30 AM Wednesday March 11 (4 hours)  9:30 AM to 1:30 PM Friday March 13 (4 hours)  12:30 PM to 4:30 PM Monday March 16 (4 hours)  3 PM to 7 PM Wednesday March 18 (4 hours)  4 PM to 8 PM Thursday March 19 (4 hours)  6:30 PM to 10:30 PM Monday March 23 (4 hours)</p> <p><u>Upper Youngs Bay Area open:</u>  7:30 PM to 11:30 PM Thursday March 26 (4 hours)  10 PM Monday March 30 - 2 AM Tuesday March 31 (4 hours)  2 PM to 6 PM Thursday April 2 (4 hours)</p>
<b>Spring Season:</b>	<p>The spring Youngs Bay season includes 13 fishing periods from April 20 through June 12 as described below:</p> <p><u>Youngs Bay open:</u>  5 PM to 9 PM Monday April 20 (4 hours)  7 PM to 11 PM Thursday April 23 (4 hours)  10 PM Tuesday April 28 - 2 AM Wednesday April 29 (4 hours)  11 PM Thursday April 30 - 3 AM Friday May 1 (4 hours)  4 PM to 8 PM Monday May 4 (4 hours)  5 PM to 9 PM Tuesday May 5 (4 hours)  5:30 PM to 9:30 PM Wednesday May 6 (4 hours)  6:30 PM to 10:30 PM Thursday May 7 (4 hours)  6 AM Monday - Noon Friday May 11 - June 12 (4 continuous days/week)</p>
<b>Summer Season:</b>	<p>The summer Youngs Bay season includes 7 fishing periods from June 16 through</p>

July 30 as described below (all periods include multiple continuous days):

6 AM Tuesday - Noon Friday June 16 - 19 (3 continuous days)

6 AM Monday - Noon Friday June 22 - July 3 (4 continuous days/week)

6 AM Tuesday - Noon Thursday July 7-30 (2 continuous days/week)

**Area:**

The Youngs Bay Select Area is defined as waters of Youngs Bay and Youngs River southeasterly of the Highway 101 Bridge upstream to the regulatory marker(s) at the confluence of the Klaskanine and Youngs rivers, including the Walluski River downstream of the Highway 202 Bridge, and the Lewis and Clark River north (downstream) of the overhead power lines (approximately 500 feet south (upstream) of Barrett Slough). During the winter season, the upstream boundary in the Lewis and Clark River is the Alternate Highway 101 Bridge (Lewis and Clark Bridge).

The Upper Youngs Bay Area includes all waters within the Youngs Bay Select Area upstream of the old Youngs Bay Bridge.

**Gear:**

Gear restrictions as follows:

- Winter season: 7-inch minimum mesh size restriction
- Spring and Summer seasons: 9¾-inch maximum mesh size restriction
- The maximum net length is 1,500 feet (250 fathoms).
- Lead line weight may not exceed two pounds per any one fathom, except additional weights or anchors attached directly to the lead line is permitted in these areas:
  - Youngs River upstream of regulatory markers located approximately 200 yards southerly (upstream) of the mouth of the Walluski River.
  - In the lower Walluski River from the first dock near the mouth upstream to the Highway 202 Bridge.
  - In the Lewis and Clark River from the Alternate Highway 101 Bridge upstream to the overhead power lines (approximately 500 feet southerly (upstream) of Barrett Slough).
- A red cork must be placed on the corkline every 25 fathoms as measured from the first mesh of the net.
- Nets not specifically authorized for use may be onboard a vessel if properly stored. A properly stored net is defined as a net on a drum that is fully covered by a tarp (canvas or plastic) and bound with a minimum of ten revolutions of rope with a diameter of 3/8 (0.375) inches or greater.

**Allowable Sales:**

Salmon (except Chum), white sturgeon, and shad. A maximum of three white sturgeon with a fork length of 44-50 inches may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes all Select Area fisheries.

**Misc. Regulations:**

Permanent regulations related to transportation and lighted buoys remain in effect. Oregon buyers are required to submit fish receiving tickets electronically pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210. Electronic fish tickets must be submitted within 24 hours of closure of the fishing period, or within 24 hours of landing for fishing periods lasting more than 24 hours.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

A Joint State hearing is scheduled for 10 AM February 19, 2020 at the Shilo Inn (11707 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR) to consider mainstem Columbia River recreational spring Chinook fisheries.